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SUBJECT: DIRECTORSHIP OF UN CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. IN VIEW OF REPORT IN FERGUSON/SCHWEBEL TELECON THAT GROUP OF 77 HAS "VETOED" APPOINTMENT OF FOIGHEL (DENMARK) AS DIRECTOR OF UN CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WE SUGGEST MISSION PROCEED AS FOLLOWS.

2. ,A) INFORM SYG THAT USG REMAINS OF VIEW THAT FOIGHEL WOULD BE EXCELLENT DIRECTOR OF CENTER, WHOSE PERFORMANCE IN UN FORA AND WHOSE WRITINGS DEMONSTRATE THAT HE WOULD
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BE A FAIR-MINDED, OBJECTIVE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE DIRECTOR;

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AND THAT SYG SHOULD PROMPTLY PROCEED TO APPOINT FOIGHEL. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ANY DOUBTS ABOUT HIM ON PART OF GROUP OF 77 WOULD BE DISSIPATED BY FOIGHEL'S PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE. YOU SHOULD FURTHER INFORM SYG THAT, IF HE SHOULD DECIDE NOT TO APPOINT FOIGHEL, WE ARE OF VIEW THAT ARSENIS (GREECE), A WELL REGARDED SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL WHOSE COMPETENCE IS KNOWN TO SYG, SHOULD BE APPOINTED. SYG SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT USG REMAINS UNCONDITIONALLY OPPOSED TO APPOINTMENT OF SOMAVIA.

(B) INFORM WEOS THAT FOIGHEL APPEARS TO BE OPPOSED BY G-77 AND THAT, IN VIEW OF WALDHEIM'S CANCELLATION OF HIS APPOINTMENT OF MARCH 20 WITH FOIGHEL, OUTLOOK FOR CARRYING HIS CANDIDACY IS NOT ENCOURAGING AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE OF VIEW THAT WEOS SHOULD NOW ENDORSE ARSENIS AS ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE IF FOIGHEL IS NOT TO BE APPOINTED. (MISSION WILL WISH TO CONCERT WITH DANISH DEL AND TO KEEP FOIGHEL INFORMED.) OPPOSITION BY WEOS TO APPOINTMENT OF SOMAVIA SHOULD ALSO BE SOLICITED.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM AMB. FERGUSON THAT ACHMED (PAKISTAN), OF ECOSOC SECRETARIAT, HAS COME FORWARD AS A NEW CANDIDATE AND THAT HE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE APPOINTMENT. PENDING CONSIDERATION OF FULLER INFORMATION ABOUT HIM, WE SUGGEST USUN NOT TAKE ANY POSITION ON HIS APPOINTMENT, BUT RATHER EXHAUST ALL POSSIBILITIES OF CARRYING FOIGHEL'S APPOINTMENT OR, FAILING THAT, THAT OF ARSENIS.

4. FOR ISLAMABAD: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DATA ON ACHMED YOU CAN PROMPTLY SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY ANY INDICATION OF HIS VIEWS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. INGERSOLL

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